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Commission:

Please consider using the considerable talent and resources available to you in this county before you adopt the "policy" you have had submitted to you by a group of individuals from Darby. There are any number of persons with expertise in all phases of natural resources, market and business management who reside here, or close by, who would be willing to advise our County in the areas of their expertise.

This Valley has been ravaged by fire and exploited by lumber interests to such an extent that the dreams of old growth lumber reappearing are unrealistic. Using those who have specific expertise, knowledge of the issues in great depth and considerable care for the Valley could form a policy and procedures which could make you very proud of your term of office and avoid the inevitable nasty tension that the "barroom " inspired document is sure to bring.

Cutting the Forests and destroying the wildlife will eliminate the current economy, and it will not be replaced by the good will of any number of barroom experts. Capital might, however, follow the knowledge of experts to this valley for the economic good of all. The State of Montana provides experts, also, and the tax supported Universities are a resource available to the County. Enough tax money has been spent chasing ideologically driven ideas, try knowledge, please.

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